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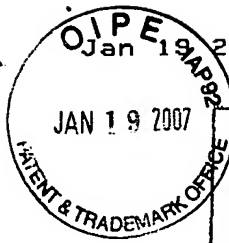
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The following comments are offered in response to the Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed December 6, 2006.

In relation to the Examiner's comments relating to 5 U.S.C. 101 and the "Office's current policy", Applicant maintains the correct standard concerning the subject matter of claims permissible under 35 U.S.C. 101 are those that have been articulated by the Supreme Court, as set forth in Applicant's Response filed November 2, 2006. In addition, Applicant does not concur with the Examiner's position that the independent claims are necessarily subject to interpretation under 35 U.S.C. 112, 6th paragraph.

Entry of these comments is respectfully requested.

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